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Director of Training

Weekly Summary Report

1. The two short films on operational tradecraft, entitled [redacted], recently created by the Office of Training, have now been reviewed by senior officers of OTR. These films, produced by piecing together appropriate segments from other available films, represent a new approach to the general problem of obtaining effective and suitable visual aids. The success of this experiment is sufficient to warrant further work along this line.

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2. By arrangement with the SH Division, eight valuable training studies have been procured for use by instructors in a variety of Basic and Advanced Training Courses. Three of these are in process of translation into English, and two others are to be digested in English.

3. A high priority has been assigned to the reactivation of the Counterespionage Course for which the Clandestine Services have expressed a pressing requirement.

4. Reproduction of the [redacted] Manual is now expected to be completed by 10 July 1953.

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5. [redacted] was debriefed on his experiences running maritime operations [redacted]. His written report should be of interest to all CIA personnel responsible for maritime operations and is available on request.

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6. The first Intermediate Intelligence Course was organized at the request of the Office of Scientific Intelligence. This was a 4-weeks course and consisted for the most part of lectures and case study projects on scientific and technological requirements of national intelligence. Various persons with a scientific and intelligence background were invited to participate in this effort. Among those who gave valuable assistance were [redacted] and several of his associates including [redacted].

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[redacted]. The curriculum in general met student needs as required of the Office of Scientific Intelligence. Courses of a similar nature will be developed by the Office of Training to meet similar requirements made by other offices.

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8. [redacted] Instructor in Chinese, reported for duty in the Office of Training during the week. He has interviewed numerous prospective students for the Introductory Chinese (Mandarin) class which is scheduled to begin on Monday, 6 July, for a period of 30 weeks.

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9. [redacted] reported for duty in the Office of Training on 1 July. [redacted] has been on leave from the Agency during the past six months. He has been engaged in work with the [redacted] dealing specifically with fellowship grants for area and language study and research in the Near, Middle and Far East. [redacted] will be engaged in organizing and planning regional and area work based upon requirements already received from the various offices and staffs of the Agency.

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10. [redacted] of the Targets Division, Directorate of Intelligence, Air Force, has issued an invitation to representatives of the Office of Training to attend a briefing conducted by the Targets Division of the Air Force. The purpose of the briefing is to set forth some of the aims, purposes and requirements of this Division and to demonstrate for Office of Training personnel the manner in which orientation briefings are conducted by the Targets Division of the Air Force.

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11. The Chief, Assessment & Evaluation Staff, discussed with Dr. [redacted] Chief, TSS, the general problem of coordinating the activities of his division and those of the A & E Staff. There is still a possibility that TSS will undertake a study of the screening of indigenous personnel. It was agreed, however, that TSS would coordinate fully with the Chief, A & E, to make sure missions were not overlapping and that there would be no duplication of contact in the field. Generally speaking, TSS does not appear to have plans which involve major effort in psychological areas.

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12. Further discussions were held between [redacted] TSS, and the Chief, A & E, and members of the two staffs concerning the survey of problems involved in screening certain indigenous personnel. It was definitely agreed that the survey would be made.

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13. As of 3 July 1953, 169 CIA personnel are enrolled in TES training courses, 381 in TEB courses, and 249 in external training, making a total of 799 in training programs under the jurisdiction of the Office of Training as a whole.

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